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1. DEPT (CU/CP) CONTACT OVER LAST EIGHT YEARS WITH NOBLES HAS BEEN CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH QUOTE ALL-STUDENT GROUPS, USA UNQUOTE ORGANIZED BY PAUL NOBLE, MUSIC INSTRUCTOR AT SHENANDOAH CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC IN WINCHESTER. THESE AD HOC GROUPS OF AROUND 200 WERE COMPOSED OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY BROUGHT TOGETHER EACH SUMMER FOR A CONCERT TOUR OF EUROPE. THE NOBLES REPEATEDLY SOUGHT DEPT RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT OF THIS GROUP ALTHOUGH CU/CP EXPLAINED ITS POLICY OF NOT SUPPORTING GROUPS BELOW THE COLLEGE LEVEL OR AD HOC GROUPS. THE NOBLES FREQUENTLY SOUGHT FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FROM OUR EMBASSIES IN EUROPE IN ARRANGING PERFORMANCES AND IN A FEW INSTANCES REQUESTED RECEPTIONS. THE ONLY REPORT RECEIVED WAS FROM AMCON FLORENCE IN 1967 WHICH STATED THAT THE GROUP WAS WELL ORGANIZED AND RELIABLE.

2. APPARENTLY FROM THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH ALL-STUDENT GROUPS, THE NOBLES BEGAN IN THE LAST FEW YEARS THEIR TOUR UNCLASSIFIED

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OPERATION SPECIALIZING IN CONCERT AND FESTIVAL ARRANGE-

MENTS FOR ACADEMIC GROUPS. WHILE THEY HAVE ADVISED CU/CP

OF THE ITINERARIES OF A FEW GROUPS (BOTH COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL), WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REPORTS FROM POSTS OR THE GROUPS THEMSELVES AS TO THE QUALITY OF THE TOURS OR PERFORMANCES.

3. IN COMPARISON TO OTHER ACADEMIC TRAVEL AGENCY OPERATIONS, EDUCATIONAL TOUR CONSULTANTS SEEMS TO HAVE A FAVORABLE RECORD. KISSINGER

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